

Opinion

Pro-life supporters furious

Pro-life supporters take aim at Fox's commentary

We don't appreciate being accused of making up material.

Pro-lifers don't presume what is best for everyone; we just show what we believe in. A "political heyday"? The pro-life movement has been out for over 16 years, but the only time we are ever in the news is each Jan. 22, and for Operation Rescue.

There are many anti-abortionists who had children even though they really didn't want to. They have either kept their child or given the child up for adoption.

As for the letter that says teen pregnancies are not going to go away, this is most likely true, but we don't think there are enough education classes, especially in the Catholic schools. This problem isn't going to get any better unless people do something.

Project Life Board

It seems strange to me that pro-choicers are so concerned about the mothers. With the exception of rape, women are responsible for their pregnancies. Yes, women should have the right to choose whether or not to have children, but that choice should be made before pregnancy occurs, not after.

Pregnancy is beginning to resemble shopping: if you don't like it, you take it back.

I think the author of the article might consider her own "facts." For instance, since when can't a woman work or go to school during the entire nine months of pregnancy?

I'd rather be an ill-informed moral child than an informed, immoral adult.

Mary Detert

We are sorry that Miss Fox does not believe statistics by such institutes as the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and publications like the *World Almanac* and the *American Journal of Public Health*, but these are the facts. We also noticed how she could not present her own statistics to verify the pro-abortion stance; this is the case mainly because the other side has no facts that can match those of the pro-life movement.

We also wonder if Miss Fox has ever taken the time to look at the pictures of the developing unborn child. Abortion is not the "reproductive choice" of a woman; we're dealing with the destruction of a human life.

Abortion is a delicate personal issue, but murder is not the way out. Crisis pregnancy centers are available all over the country to help pregnant women through this time. We believe the unborn is a human being and deserves the most basic of all our rights—the right to life.

Lori Stover

Molly McCoy

Editor's note: Three additional signatures were attached.

Nancy forgets that we now treat the unborn baby as a "second patient" in the medical world, and in many hospitals babies are being saved after premature birth on one wing, while children of the same gestational age are being dismembered on another wing. Isn't it ironic that many doctors, whose primary objective is to save lives, now are responsible for the death of over 23 million unborn children in the past 16 years?

Nancy also mentions "back-alley" abortions, which would supposedly take place if this act were made illegal. According to the National Institute of Health as reported in *NRL News*, 32 women died from illegal abortions in 1972, the year before abortion was legalized. I deeply regret those lives lost, but we must also remember the 1.6 million innocent lives abortion claims each year. Abortions will drastically decrease when *Roe v. Wade* is reversed, and pro-lifers realize the job will not end there.

Greg Chesmore

Students disagree with Jacobson's Courier letter

Lisa Jacobson is insinuating that she would rather kill a baby and have that on her conscience than give a baby the gift of life.

Jacobson says that allowing a baby to

live is promoting "another generation of undereducated and underemployed." I suppose this means we should go out and dispose of every person without a job or proper education.

My adopted brother is one of the most involved people I know. He maintains above a 3.2 grade point average while being involved in three different high school sports, keeping a part-time job and being vice-president of the Jefferson, Wis., 4-H Club. He is also in other clubs and in the high school band. How's that for someone who was given a chance to live? My family would not be the same without him.

Nickie Fisher

We would like to inform Miss Jacobson that her views are very different from our pro-life views.

She said that teen pregnancy will not go away and that although we have tried education classes and made contraceptives more available, children are still getting pregnant. Sex education classes are just the beginning. These classes are still elective in many high schools. We cannot expect to see a decrease in teen pregnancy until these properly-taught classes are mandatory at an even younger age group than high school. In these classes, the facts about abortion should be incorporated as well.

The author also said that "the pain, guilt and anger that a woman goes through after [adoption] is unbelievable." Don't you think a mother suffers even more knowing she killed her own child? With adoption, the mother knows her child is alive, well and living in a loving family.

Lastly, we would like to comment on the accusation that pro-lifers put all energy into getting *Roe v. Wade* overturned and forget to help women that choose not to have abortions. Project Life raised nearly \$30 to purchase baby items for the local crisis center, Birthright. We sponsored the baby shower where students and faculty gave items such as clothing, diapers and bottles to mothers that chose life for their children.

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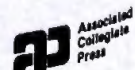
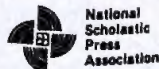
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Officials appalled with student response

Academic dean, others defend faculty evaluations

As I read the article in the Feb. 29 *Courier* on the new teacher evaluations, I was somewhat appalled.

I could not believe the quality of comment garnered from many of the students questioned. The faculty have spent hours working on the evaluation forms in order to provide students with the opportunity to honestly assess what's going on in the classrooms. The comments led me to believe the students are not as interested in providing honest feedback as the faculty are in gathering it.

I was also dismayed about the comments made about the administrative use of these evaluations. No student has ever asked me how the evaluations are used. I realize the reporter did not help the situation since the article does not describe anything specific about the use of the evaluations. For the record, let me state that student evaluations are read by the academic dean at the end of each semester. These tabulated forms are then returned to the faculty. Faculty who do well receive a letter of appreciation. Those who have a history of less than satisfactory results are contacted. This semester, those faculty are choosing teaching mentors to help them improve. Finally, the evaluations are included in the considerations of the

faculty personnel board and the administration when faculty apply for tenure and promotion.

Mary Alice Muellerleile
Academic Dean

The new evaluation forms being used this semester are the result of many hours of work by a faculty subcommittee and the entire Faculty Senate. We were willing to spend this time because we know how important these evaluations are in providing quality education at Clarke.

The evaluation results are used by each faculty member for self-assessment and by the department chairs and academic dean for in the ongoing assessment of faculty members.

I doubt that the students in the article, who so thoughtlessly dismissed the relevance these forms have to their education, realized the significance of these assessments.

Students expect teachers to evaluate their class performance, projects, papers and exams fairly and accurately. Would students tolerate the same callous attitude toward THEIR evaluation as was expressed by students in the article? I don't think so.

Sheila E. Gustaneda
Associate Professor
Chair, Faculty Senate

Junior class activities include pizza party and euchre

by Erin Lawler

The junior class was busy last week. On Tuesday night, the class sponsored a euchre tournament in the Union as a Course 9:20 activity.

Eight people came over to take a break from the stress of studying for midterm exams. These people chose partners and divided into four teams. Each team was to play 16 hands against every other team. The team with most points in the end shared a \$15.00 cash prize. The second place team shared a \$10.00 cash prize.

The first match was a close one as the team of Frieda McConnell and Bruce Kramer sweated it out against Tricia Gloeckler and Paul Novreske. The teams were tied throughout most of the match. McConnell and Kramer earned more points in the end. Dan Dettbarn and Brian Hogan held a 16-9 lead over Jennifer Harrington and Joe Bonifazi.

The second round pitted the top teams against each other. Dettbarn and Hogan managed to hold on to their lead as they defeated McConnell and Kramer with a score of 54-34. The other two teams, realizing they were too far behind to finish in a winning position, dropped out. The tournament ended with Dettbarn and Hogan in first place and McConnell and Kramer in second place.

On Wednesday night, the junior class sponsored another study break in the form of a union pizza party for junior class members. The purpose of this activity was twofold: to provide a study break and to have a class meeting.

Seventeen junior class members came to enjoy pizza and 15 were there to participate in their class meeting. Topics discussed were graduation speakers for the class of 1990 and increased class-sponsored activities.

Tri-college parking seen as aggravating by Clarke student

With so many students from the tri-colleges cross-registered, there is a problem with parking on the campuses.

A student from Clarke enrolled in a class at Loras cannot park in the Loras student parking lots without a Loras parking sticker. The only legal place to park is along the street, where parking spaces are limited. It doesn't seem right for the Clarke student's car to be ticketed for parking in the Loras lot (and vice-versa) if we are trying to maintain a tri-college community.

There are two solutions to the problem. First, parking lot attendants should be instructed to refrain from ticketing any car bearing a Clarke, Loras or UD sticker. In the future, perhaps tri-college parking stickers could be issued to replace the stickers we use now.

Christine Noel

Courier staff finally succeeds in pleasing one loyal reader

Congratulations on your front page article on minorities. The Courier is assuming some leadership on raising important issues. I laud you for that.

J. Barbara Kitchener

Editor's note: It's nice to be appreciated.

Residence Life prepares for next year

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Feature

...Tri-college minority organizations (Continued from page 1)

Glenn pledged the Phi Beta Sigmas this year and both felt it was a positive experience. "There really weren't any bad parts," said Burks. "Everything benefited us in some way."

Burks said it allowed him the opportunity to become closer to Loras students. "I never would have gotten to know these guys if we hadn't pledged together. If I learned anything at all, it taught me about brotherhood."

Jones said that most everyone has been supportive of the Sigmas but that the group met some opposition in the beginning due to one of its practices, branding. "If a member so chooses," says Jones, "he can have a Greek sigma branded on his arm. No one is coerced or pressured into getting one. It is completely optional and no one can get one prior to being initiated."

Jones has a brand, as do seven of the other 10 members. He says it is a very personal matter and that members elect to be branded for various reasons. "Some are so proud to be a Sigma that they want everyone to know. For others it's a sign of strength; and some do it just because their peers have one."

Jones added that the national board does not encourage branding but does not reprimand members if they choose to get one either.

Burks says that he and Glenn are considering being branded. "It's a big decision to make. I have to think of myself in the long run and ask, 'How would I look with a brand when I'm an old man?' Another thing to think about is my prospective job field. If I want to work for the government, I don't think having a brand will be looked upon too favorably."

Despite the administration's initial apprehension, the Sigmas have been well received. "I had to prove to the administration that brands were not mandatory and it was discussed intensely. Now I think everyone sees the benefits the Sigmas provide and are impressed with us."

Loras also hosts minority organization, which is similar to Clarke's CSMO, known as the Interracial Club. President Julian Bertrand said the group's objective is to "improve relations between the minority and the majority." Bertrand also stressed the need for all three schools to work together and support one another.

University of Dubuque

The Black Presidium, headed by President Roger Laugand, is there to provide a sense of identity and an outlet for black students. "We try to have functions that include everyone," said Laugand. "Because of our name, some may perceive us as being an all-black group, but that's not the case. Nowhere in our constitution does it stipulate that we're strictly black." Laugand says the organization considered changing the name last year in an effort to dispel negative perceptions but chose to retain it in order to "Keep a sense of identity for black student. We are open to anyone and recently had two white students join."

Laugand said the Black Presidium hosted an all-school meeting last semester in an attempt to foster better communication among the schools. "We discussed the problems as to why black students at the colleges weren't communicating. It was a beneficial meeting." The forum included all three Dubuque schools and the University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

One thing that stands in the way of interschool communication among minority students is the "heightened buildup of sports," according to Laugand. He feels that the colleges' emphasis on recruiting black male athletes breaks down communication among minority students by setting up competitive barriers.

Minority groups and recruitment

Student recruitment is viewed as the lifeblood of any institution. And with the lack of minority representation in Dubuque, schools have attempted to alleviate this deficit by stepping up recruitment of

minorities. Bertrand also feels that the emphasis placed on the recruitment of black athletes is too high and serves only to perpetuate a stereotype. "When I came to Loras, everyone asked me what sport I played." He added that unless a student qualifies for the Athletic Scholarship Program, "you don't get much assistance unless you're an athlete. I get the feeling those are the minorities they're trying to attract, not those who want an education."

Although Loras has a black moderator for its organizations, Bertrand says he'd like to see another faculty member be hired with which minority students can identify. "Charles Taylor is very supportive. But his time is consumed with too many extracurricular activities, like coaching. I'd like to see us get someone who's not tied to sports."

Lucinda Cadet, who works in the admissions office at Clarke and is vice president of CSMO, says that CSMO has not played a big part in the recruiting of minority students as of yet. She feels that since we have no minority counselor at Clarke, it is necessary for recruiters to attend a minority workshop so they may learn how to effectively relate to prospective minority students.

"There are things the counselors or recruiters must learn, things about our everyday life, not just our vocabulary. If they want to get minorities here—blacks, Hispanics, Asians—the admissions office is going to have to share in the responsibility. Admissions is doing the recruiting and should be educated to our ways if they want to be successful."

...Homeless (Continued from page 1)

fathers who have only small welfare checks to subsist on, and thus receive most of their food from McDonald's Dumpsters. They're poverty-stricken women trying to raise children and find work, food and shelter at the same time. They are Vietnam veterans who have been cast away by society and left to rot in the city streets. They are Uncle Joes and Sister Sues who worked in the factory that closed down two years ago. They are the farmers who lost everything due to the poor economics in our country. They are the ones we looked away from as we walked down the streets of our towns.

For the past eight years we've become the "Reaganomic society." We've grown accustomed to seeing two cars in every driveway and at least one VCR in every house. We've been taught to applaud the

announcement of "only seven percent unemployment."

We've told ourselves homelessness is to be expected in a country the size of America. Reagan pacified all our fears about homelessness when he said, "...the homeless, who are the homeless, [are] by choice." I wondered how many Americans agreed with him and how many of those who agreed are homeless.

On March 5, 1987, Congress passed the Urgent Relief for the Homeless Act. This act allocated up to \$500 million for emergency shelters and aid to the homeless. This, however, was far from being enough. Political analysts agree that in order to realize any solution to the problem of homelessness, at least \$2 billion a year for the next decade is needed. These figures may seem outrageous, but consider this: while congressmen discuss these amounts, they are also allocating funds for a \$315 billion Pentagon budget. This is what is truly outrageous.

As many of us venture home for spring break, let's not forget those less fortunate than ourselves. Let us not forget all those who'll be celebrating Easter in the filth-ridden streets of our cities, in the local Dumpsters and in the broken-down, cardboard boxes behind the stores.

Many of our community have already taken a stance by participating in the Hunger Banquet, by going to Washington D.C. and allowing their voices to be heard, and by participating in organizations such as Habitat for the Homeless.

Homelessness does not have to be a permanent characteristic of our society. If we'd all voice our opposition, it would not be. Go to the shelters and see for yourselves. Volunteer a few hours and then speak out. Write to your local officials. Let the Bush administration know that, as Americans, we are no longer willing to accept an apathetic attitude toward the homeless problem.

King, Day awards to be given

by Nancy Fox

Nominations for the \$500 Justice and Peace Scholarships are in and coordinator Norm Freund, chairman of the philosophy department, has set the selection process in motion.

The nominees that choose to try for the scholarship must fill out an application and acquire two recommendations from faculty members, community leaders or people involved in religious ministries, who are familiar with the individual's involvement in justice and peace activities and organizations. The deadline for applications and recommendations is April 8. The names of the recipients will be announced during the awards assembly at the end of the school year.

Freund will establish two committees, one for each scholarship awarded, to determine which applicants should receive the awards. Each committee will consist of three faculty members or administrators. Candidates for the scholarships must meet both quantitative and qualitative requirements.

Quantitatively, the individual must be a full-time prospective junior (for the Martin Luther King Award) or prospective senior (for the Dorothy Day Award) and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or more.

Qualitatively, the candidate must show commitment to the ideals of Martin Luther King or Dorothy Day, be involved in justice

and peace activities, be dedicated to the academic study of justice and peace, and indicate plans for future involvement in justice and peace.

The ideals of King and Day are similar. King used non-violent protest to fight for freedom and justice. He was committed to the struggle for equality, human and civil rights, economic fairness and peace.

Day founded the Catholic Worker Movement, was opposed to war and unfair labor practices, and maintained a solidarity with the poor.

Justice and Peace Scholarships were first offered five years ago and averages eight to 10 nominees per award each year. Only three to five of those nominees apply for the scholarship.

If a student receives the Martin Luther King Award as a junior, that individual is still qualified for the Dorothy Day Award.

In the event of a tie, the awards will go to the candidates who have the most financial need.

"The scholarships are endowed," Freund said, "so we don't have to worry about coming up with the money each year." The funds for the awards come from alumni, faculty and administration donations, and from estates left to the college.

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Sports

Clarke loses to Dordt in NAIA game

by Bob Axtell

The Clarke men's basketball team was defeated in the first round of the NAIA District 15 Tournament on March 1. The Crusaders lost to Dordt College, 109-84.

According to Joel Gehling, one of the Clarke spectators, the men held close throughout the game. Other fans said the game would have been closer if the "referees would have been more fair." The numbers of fouls were close, however, with

Clarke having 22 and Dordt 21. Lee Kolker was the only Crusader to foul out of the game.

Keith Sanders led a crusade of five players in double figures. Sanders finished with 24 points, followed by Jerry Tomic's 15 and Jody Kolker's 14 points. Wayne Glenn pitched in 12 and Lee Kolker finished with 10 points.

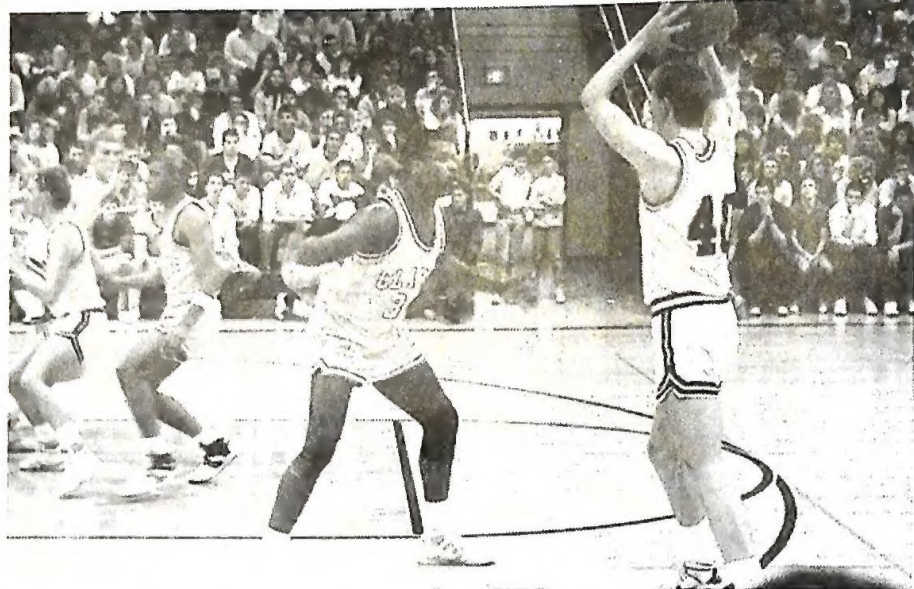
Dordt College was led by Jerry Boer, who poured in 33 points, including six three-point goals.

Other players scoring for the Crusaders included John Simon, who scored 7 points and Bill Hartman, who added 2.

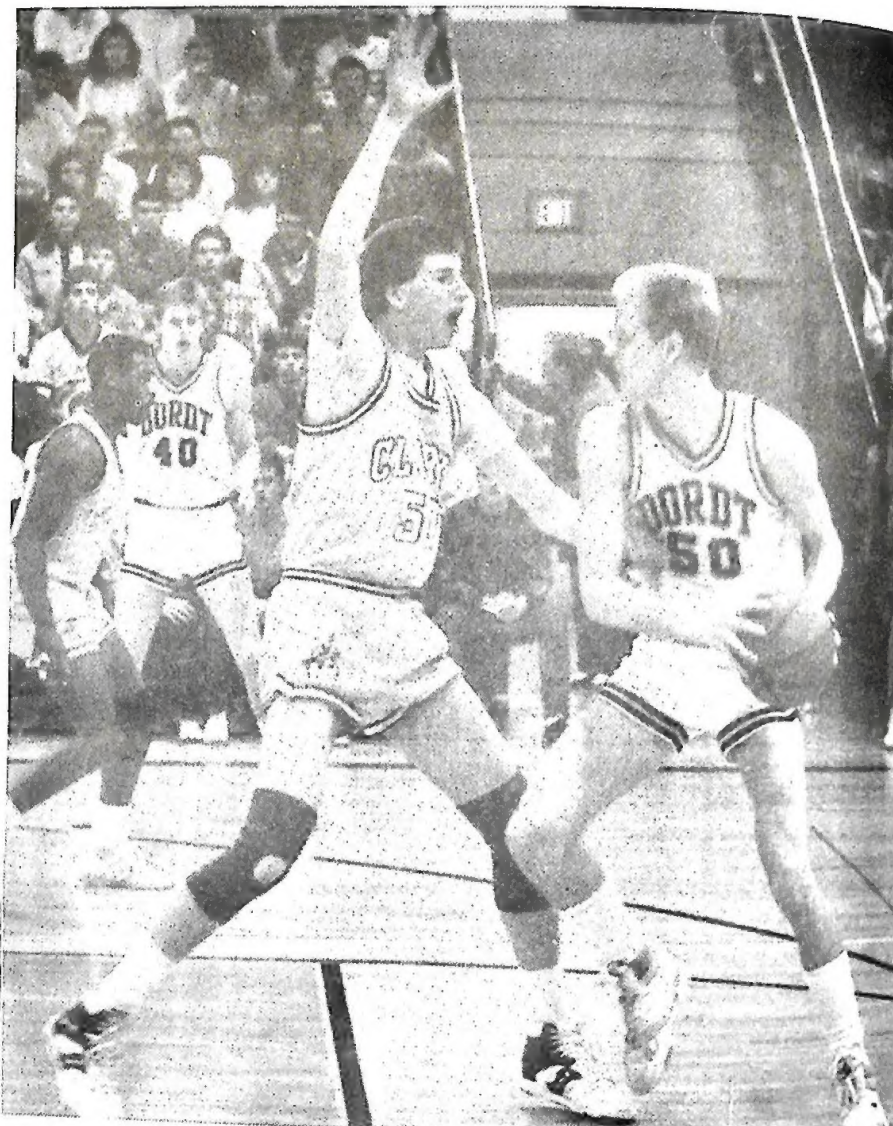
Clarke finished with 11 assists, while Dordt had 24. Glenn led the Crusaders with bounding category grabbing 32 and Dordt 37. Lee Kolker led the Clarke attack with seven rebounds.

Clarke fans travel to Dordt College

About 30 Clarke Crusader fans traveled some six hours to see the men's basketball team play. The fans traveled by motor coach to Sioux Center, Iowa, where the NAIA District 15 basketball game between the Crusaders and the Dordt Defenders was held.



Senior Keith Sanders blocks a Dordt College player during first round tournament play. (Photo by Ben Tarsitano)



Senior Jody Kolker defends against Dordt offense during the first round of the NAIA District 15 tournament in Sioux Center, Mar. 1. (Photo by Ben Tarsitano)

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Center; Joyce Roberson, R.N.,
assistant professor for the Univ
Iowa College of Nursing; Mary
Ryan, R.N., Ph.D., professor for the
University Niehoff School of Nur
Robert Weir, Ph.D., director of the
University of Iowa College of Medicine's
in medical ethics.

The symposium began with Fay
"Ethics in Nursing Practice: Ne
tions in an Era of Complexity
discussed the meaning of ethics.
lecture by Ryan, "The Profession
Ethical Rights as Well as Respons
explained that, though most nur
their responsibilities and duties a
it is often difficult to determine wh
nurses have concerning doctors
and patients' wishes. In keeping
theme of nurses' rights, Fry contin
"Respecting Patient Autonomy in
Practice."

"Few people realize that patien
and patients' wishes always com
nursing," Fry said.

Ryan also spoke on "Ethical
Nursing Care for Elderly Patient
posium participants then vi
videotape titled "The DNR
Resuscitate] Dilemma." A lec
"Quality of Life Versus Length of
Weir, followed. (continued on p

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Anne a senior